


REMARKS

Claims 1, 11 and specification page 7 were objected to for minor informalities. Drawing figures 2 and 3 were objected to for utilizing inconsistent symbols compared to the original disclosure. Figures 2 and 3 have been amended to conform to the disclosure. Claims 1, 11 and specification page 7 have been amended accordingly. Approval of amended Figures 2 and 3 and withdrawal of these objections is requested.

Applicants believe this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and placing this application in condition for allowance. Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification (including the amendments presented herein) in an increased font to avoid possible problems in the scanning process. Applicants also request an initialed copy of the Information Disclosure Statement electronically filed on December 10, 2003 for the present application (duplicate copy enclosed herewith).

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